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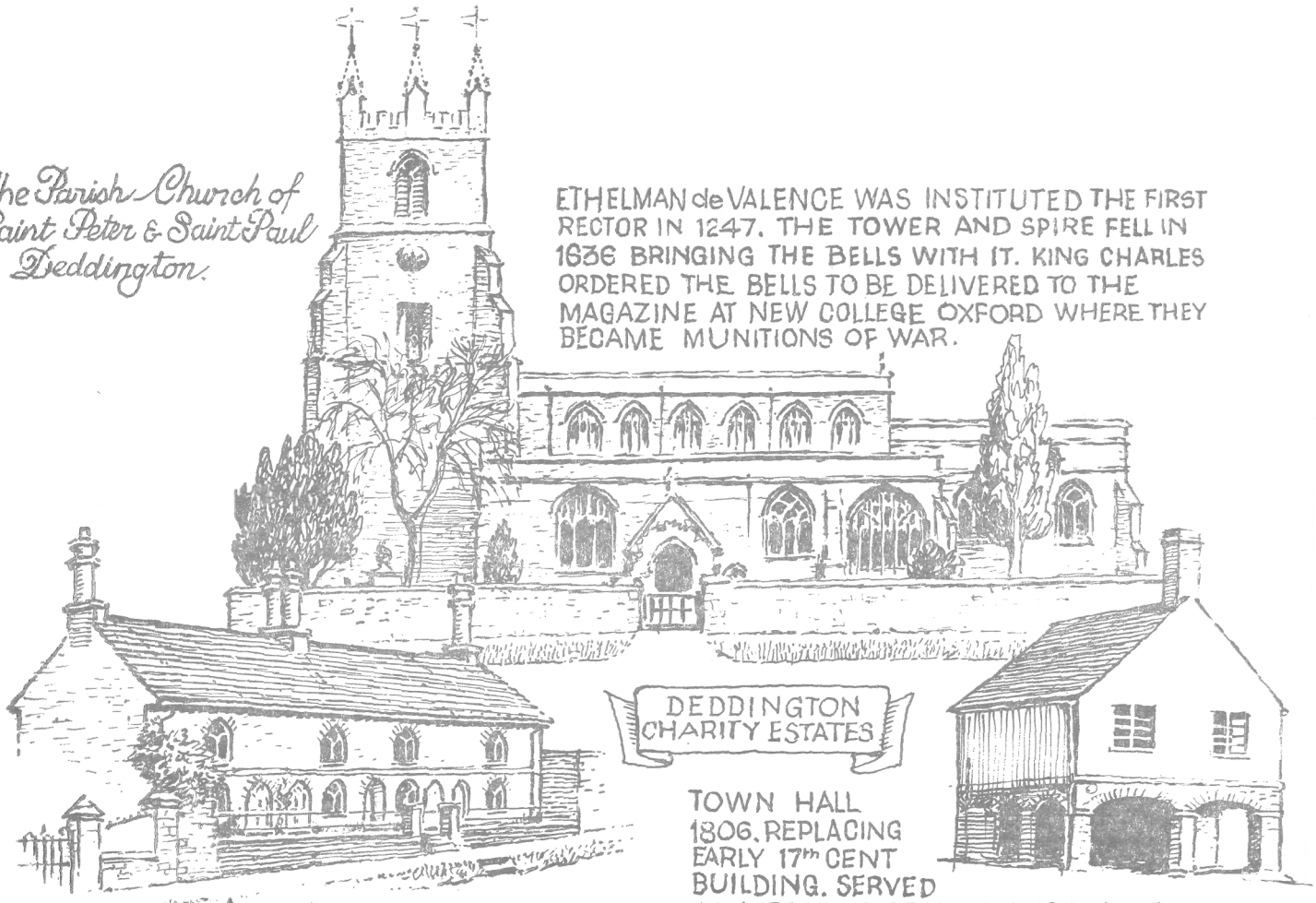

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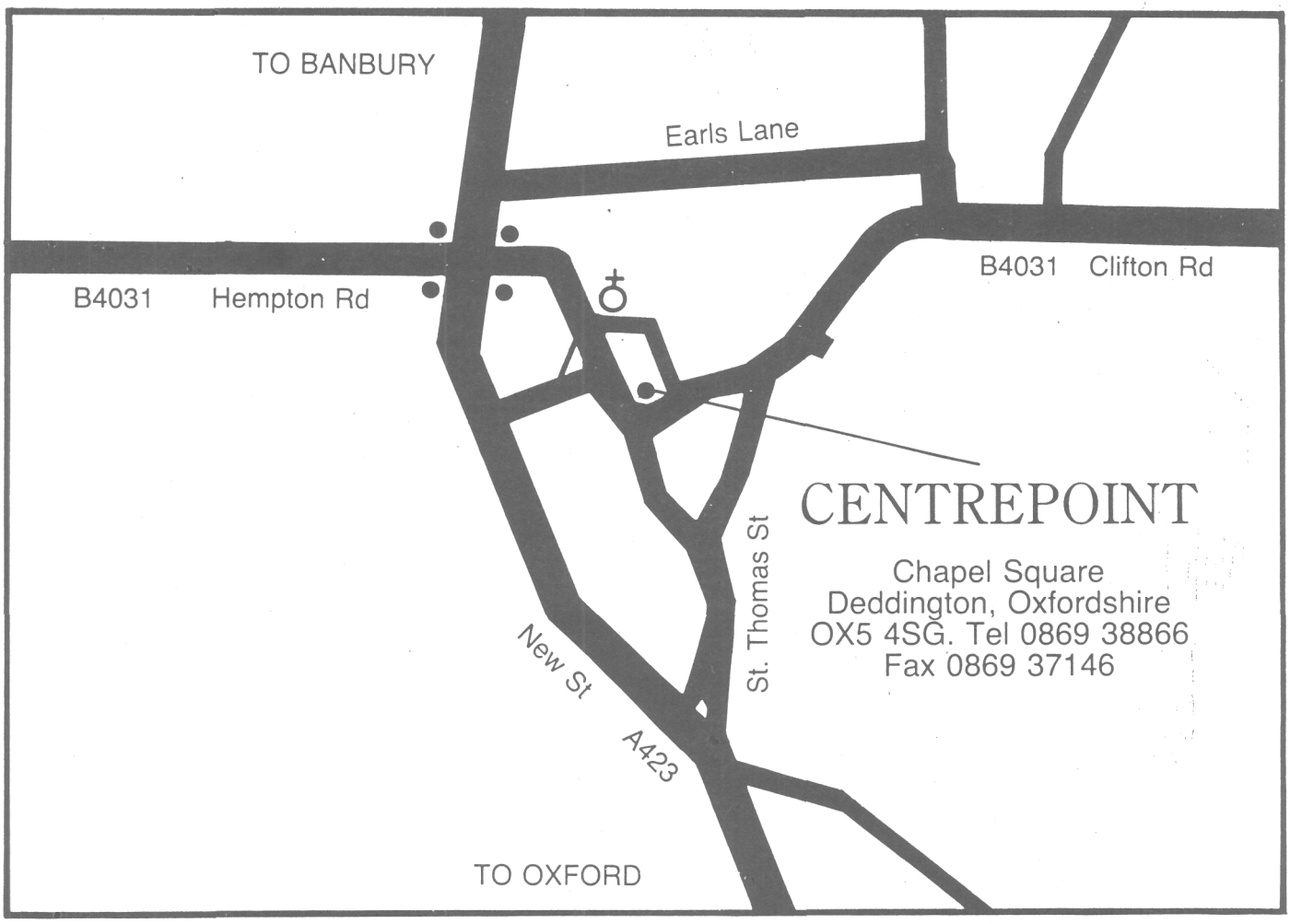

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EDITORIAL

Thursday 20 September is DD-Day - Difficult Decision Day, when we are all asked to elect three Trustees to The Parish of Deddington Trust. We have 7 good candidates, which is what makes the decision difficult. Please study the information on page 4. Make up your mind who in your opinion would do the best job of managing three-quarters of a million pounds for the benefit of the whole community of Deddington, Clifton and Hempton. It is your money, so do make sure you get to the Town Hall in time to vote.

This issue of the NEWS, like all the others, was hand-delivered to your door. We would like to thank, on your behalf, all the volunteers who help in this task, including the boys and girls of Deddington School who turn out month after month in all weathers. To those who have now left the School we wish every success in the future. To new deliverers we say 'welcome' - and if it takes them a little time to get used to the route, we know our readers will understand.

DIARY

SEPTEMBER

Sat 8 Sponsored Cycle Ride in aid of Historic Churches Trust
Sat 8 Deddington Town Football Club first match of the season (see page 15)
Sat 8 British Legion - Bruno
Mon 10 Deddington Playgroup re-starts (see page 13)
Mon 10 Deddington Singers re-start (see page 14)
Tue 11 Coffee morning and sale for Parish Church Flower Festival Funds at The Sycamores, Hempton Road, 10am - 12 noon. Admission 35p
Tue 11 WI 75th Anniversary Ploughman's Lunch at Holly Tree Club, 12.15 pm (p.15)
Tue 11 Deddington Guides. Meeting for Patrol Leaders & Seconds only, 7-8.30 pm
Wed 12 U3A in Deddington, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm (see page 13)
Sat 15 Skip in Cosy Lane (off Windmill Street) CHECK FIRST!
Mon 17 Playgroup, Usbourne Book Party, 11 am - 12.30 pm
Tue 18 Brownies. New term starts, Windmill Centre, 5.15 - 6.45 pm (see p.14)
Tue 18 Deddington Guides. New term starts, Windmill Centre, 7-9 pm.
Th 20 ELECTION OF TRUSTEES FOR DEDDINGTON PARISH TRUST (see page 4)
Fri 21 Home School Association RACE NIGHT, 8 pm - 1 am
Sat 22 Music in Deddington Parish Church, The Galliard Trio, 7 pm (see page 5)
Sat 22 British Legion, Eddie Kelly
Sun 23 Harvest Festival and Evensong, Hempton Church, 6 pm (see page 10)
Sun 23 After 10.30 am service in Parish Church - short meeting for helpers for Christmas Bazaar (volunteers please ring Jose Stephens 38305)
Tue 25 COPY DAY FOR OCTOBER DEDDINGTON NEWS
Wed 26 Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.15 pm (Result of Parish poll)
Wed 26 Home School Association AGM, Deddington Primary School, 8 pm
Th 27 Flowers and greenery to the Parish Church for the Flower Festival
Sat 29 Royal British Legion Annual Harvest Festival, Legion Club, 7.30 pm (p.13)
Sat 29-Sat 6 Oct Flower Festival in Deddington Parish Church (see p.11 & 12)
Sat 29 Deddington Church Tower Open, 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm (20p adult, 50p family)
Sun 30 Oxford Half-Marathon (see page 9)

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY 25 JULY, TOWN HALL, 7.15 PM - EXTRACTS FROM OFFICIAL MINUTES

Public participation would take place [at the monthly meetings] after Council's business. Letters should be sent to the Clerk one week before the meeting and should be relevant to Council's business.
Housing Survey ... people in need would be anxious to participate in the survey. A representative of the Rural Trust could come to a Parish meeting to discuss...
School Governor Mr John Webber had continued to serve on the Board of Governors as a representative of Council. Agreed it would be appropriate for a Councillor to undertake this in addition to Cllr Garvey. Cllr Clarke agreed [to serve].. Council expressed appreciation of Mr Webber's services.
Aynho Railway Station possible re-opening ...Council felt the idea was worth pursuing in spite of a rather negative response [from British Rail and Oxon CC]. Clerk to write to Aynho PC to see if they would also be interested.
British Legion The Windmill sub-committe had had a meeting with British Legion representatives to discuss re-location to the Windmill Centre. Although the initial reaction was not favourable, they did agree to discuss what facilities would be available to them at the Windmill Centre and to set up a Task Force... Professional advice would be needed... Council agreed to set aside the sum of £1000 for this purpose. The Chairman would attend future meetings.
Planning Committee: Tuckers We agree with the increase of retail use on the ground floor. We would prefer to see residential use of the 1st and 2nd floors. We disagree with the 3 parking spaces. The access is across one of the main footpaths in the Market Square. To park, the cars will need to reverse either on or off which will be dangerous to pedestrians. The kerb will need to be removed, the surface changed for vehicle use, leading to the loss of the footpath. We are very concerned to note that this has come to PC as a new application. It was not advertised and given the 21 days as required for any application in a conservation area. Orchard Cottage, The Tchure Proposed 2 storey extension at 1st floor level, east wall, adversely affects the bedroom window of the adjoining property. The proposed extension could be relocated to leave space between the properties. Bloxham Barns Prefer to see one dwelling retaining the character of the barn and the structure - in accordance with H9 Draft Rural Areas Local Plan and Advisory Notes for barn conversions. Gaslight Earl's Lane: no objections except to note problems of building and maintenance on site boundary. Midhill, Philcote Street: and The Barnstead, Hempton: no objections

WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST, TOWN HALL, 7.15 PM. MAIN POINTS

Deddington Parish Trust - see page 4.
Neighbourhood Watch PC to invite police to address public meeting. [NOW ARRANGED FOR FRIDAY 19 OCTOBER, WINDMILL CENTRE, 7.30 PM]
British Legion - still considering move to Windmill Centre.
Concessionary Fares Bloxham has a bus pass system which may be better than Deddington's bus tokens system. PC to explore.
Housing Survey circular needs amendment, with a view to issuing in October.
Parking on grass verge outside Chinese restaurant causes obstruction: and on Greenwood's garage forecourt obscures vision. Police to be consulted.
Cemetery 'Reserved' signs to be removed from graves - they are not necessary because the relevant information is recorded elsewere. Other matters of concern, raised by Mrs English or by the Vicar, will be looked into.
Windmill Centre Development 1. Cllr Reed to establish with CDC Building Controls Dept what Consents were obtained and for which building - as first designed, modified version(s), or the one actually built. He will report back to PC. Solicitor to advise on feasibility of pinpointing who was responsible for the £32,000 extra cost incurred by PC and on cost and likely success of action to reclaim the money. Windmill Committee to be asked for update on defects of the present building. 2. PC voted 5 for and 5 against on motion that Solicitor be required to explain why village land was sold without elementary precaution of safeguarding right of access and services for PC. 3. Solicitor to be invited to attend a PC open meeting to discuss matters of concern. /cont on page 3..

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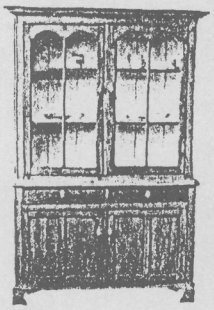

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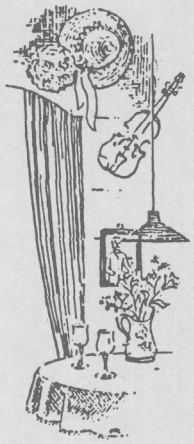

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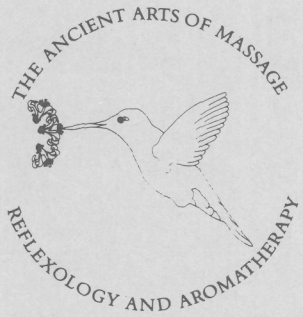

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PARISH COUNCIL Extraordinary Meeting on Wednesday 5 September will consider the issue arising from Solar Designs Planning application.

REMINDER: OUR REPORTS OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS SUMMARISE WHAT TOOK PLACE AS WE UNDERSTOOD IT, BUT THEY ARE NECESSARILY VERY BRIEF AND COMPRESSED. COPIES OF THE FULL OFFICIAL MINUTES ARE DEPOSITED AT DEDDINGTON LIBRARY - EDS

POLICE CORNER

BEWARE OF BOGUS CALLERS. There have been recent instances of people posing as Council or other officials gaining entry to village homes by these pretences (e.g. "We've come to inspect the drains") and, once inside, committing theft.

The lesson is DO NOT ALLOW STRANGERS INTO YOUR HOME UNLESS YOU ARE COMPLETELY SATISFIED AS TO THEIR IDENTITY AND AUTHORITY. If you are suspicious, phone the police and give descriptions and/or car registration numbers.

In short - WHEN IN DOUBT, SHUT THEM OUT ! PC DAVID KEATS

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

Buffy Heywood's selection from the diaries of the Rev Cotton Risley, Sept 1840

9th September - The anniversary of the Horticultural Show which took place under a marquee or tent in the Castle Grounds - it was enlivened by a band playing several tunes occasionally. I gained a prize for apples. The dinner took pace at Poultons at the Three Tuns.

15th September - Was busied in writing circulars to different individuals in the neighbourhood inviting them and their friends to come to the opening of our organ on Sunday next. I went up to the Church two or three times to superintend the alterations in the Gallery - drew up a handbill for circulation announcing the Service. Our organ arrived in safety drawn by my teams and accompanied by Mr Chambers the builder and his men. The bells struck up a merry peal. The weight of instrument with bellows and case stated to be nearly 6 tons.

19th September - Did not go to bed before two o'clock in the morning, being determined not to leave the men engaged in erecting the organ till they had left it in a sufficiently forward state for duty tomorrow.

20th September - Our new organ (built by Chambers of Oxford) was opened for divine service by Mr Sharpe of Oxford assisted by the New College and Christ Church Choirs - when full Cathedral Service was performed. King's services morning and evening with Sanctus Commandments and Creed were performed. The sermon in the morning was preached by myself to a large and respectable congregation - that in the evening by the Archdeacon (Clarke) to an overflowing audience upwards of 1,600 persons (it was supposed) being present. The collection at the door amounted to £28-7-2¾d. There was no collection in the morning I not deeming it advisable to have a double collection. There was no school owing to the extraordinary occasion. [He lists various local dignitaries, etc present at the service and lunching and dining with him] *... also at Church were many highly respectable farmers within 10 or 12 miles of Deddington, and very many respectable tradespeople from Banbury with nearly all the members of the Choir. The organ was highly approved of and will it was said and thought by many prove to be a good and valuable instrument. On the whole it was a most gratifying and safisfactory day.*

26th September - A Justices Meeting at the Kings Arms to receive Jury lists and Lunatic Returns. One or two other cases of assault and quitting a master's service were heard and disposed of.

ELECTION OF THREE TRUSTEES FOR THE PARISH OF DEDDINGTON TRUST

I hope that as many people as possible will come and vote at the Town Hall on THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER. Everybody on the Electoral Roll is eligible and VOTING IS FROM 8AM TO 1PM AND 5PM TO 8PM. Particulars of the candidates are shown below: we are fortunate to be able to call on such varied talent. A good turnout will help to get a good result at this very important stage.

Anyone who would like to vote, but who would find it difficult to get to the Town Hall, should contact either myself (30349) or Jose Stevens (38305). We will do our best to help. Proxy voting will not be possible.

Your Candidates

BERRIDGE, D R CBE FEng East Gate, Chapel Square, Deddington
Retired. Ex chairman South of Scotland Electricity Board. Then served on Main Board of the engineering company Howden Group plc.

FORSYTH, R S The Stile House, New Street, Deddington
Resident in Deddington since 1977. Grew up in this area. Married with three children. 51 years old. Formerly a Naval Officer in Submarine Service. Worked in industry for the last 10 years. Presently Marketing Director of Westland Group plc. Established Deddingon Tennis Club and chaired The Windmill Project financial working group during Phase One.

HARPER, D A FCA Whitegates, Philcote Street, Deddington
Retired chartered accountant. Chairman of Adderbury Bowls Club.

KELLETT, Sir Brian The Old Malt House, Church Street, Deddington
Business and financial experience as a former industrialist (Chairman, TI Group) and until recently a director of Investment Management Regulatory Organisation. Currently Chairman Port of London Authority and a director of National Westminster Bank and other companies.

MARMION, Gp Capt James C The Mews House, Castle Street, Deddington. 66 years of age and a permanent resident of the village. Fellow of the British Institute of Management with 38 years experience in all aspects of major project management, with particular emphasis on personnel, social and welfare administration.

O'DONNELL, Dr H Ilbury House, New Street, Deddington
General Practitioner. Has worked in Deddington for 20 years. Actively interested in local community affairs.

REESE, Mrs S (Formerly Mrs Owen) Weston House, Castle Street, Deddington. Has lived in this area since 1945. As a mother of five, is particularly interested in preservation of rural environment with amenities and housing for young families. Was Managing Director of three companies and actively concerned with finance. Feels that women's voices should be heard,.

MR S PLEYDELL-BOUVERIE has withdrawn. He felt that there were sufficient excellent candidates, but would be willing to help in the future.

PLEASE VOTE

The Board of Trustees will be completed by the election of three Parish Councillors at the next meeting, 26 September. Although the Trust will not then be in being, the Trustees should be able to start preparatory work leading to the proper management of the Parish of Deddington Trust and the village funds.

B E W MACE, CHAIRMAN, DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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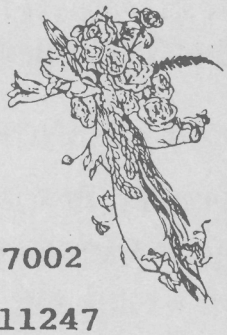

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DEDDINGTON FIRE SERVICE

FIRE CALLS As readers may have guessed, the Station has been very busy during the long dry spell, and our appliance has responded to 69 calls: 1 small fire at Lake House, Adderbury, 1 small fire at Alcan, 1 caravan fire, 1 house fire, 5 field fires, 2 hedgerow fires, 8 grass fires, 1 trailer load of hay on fire, 1 call to a factory fire at Witney, 1 tractor on fire, 1 corn drier, farm buildings and hay on fire, 1 shed fire, 3 car fires, 5 road traffic accidents, 1 cooker fire, 1 small fire at the Horton General Hospital, 2 calls to rubbish on fire, 3 malicious false alarms, 4 mechanical faults on automatic systems, 13 false alarms with good intent and 13 calls to stand by at other fire stations. This brings the total number of calls so far this year to 208. Readers may think that we had a lot of false alarms with good intent, and wonder how they can happen. Well the reason is quite simple. During the hot weather many thunderflies crawl inside smoke detectors and set them off.

RECRUITING Since the last issue we have had one new recruit, who works in the village but lives elsewehere, and therefore will be giving cover 5 days a week once he has passed his Induction Training. Once again we have to be grateful to Solar Designs, who are his employers and who now supply 60% of our daytime crew and without whom we would be unable to turn out.

THANK YOUS After such a hot spell as we have just experienced, when the Fire Service is very often stretched to the limits and retained firefighters are kept very busy, it is then that the employers must be thanked for releasing their employees to attend fires, and also the firefighters' families for putting up with all the inconvenience. I don't think that the general public really knows what it means to suddenly have some of your workforce down tools and shoot off, or what it is like for the families when the husband/father, wife/mother or son suddenly clears off just as dinner is being served or just as they were about to go out somewhere. I can assure everyone that The Oxfordshire Fire Service is very grateful to these people and so should the general public be. [HEAR HEAR - EDS]

ALBERT HUMPHRIES 38943

MUSIC IN DEDDINGTON PARISH CHURCH IN AID OF THE NATIONAL ART COLLECTIONS FUND. Saturday 22 September

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A MESSAGE TO ARTISTS

I am opening a studio for anyone interested in working with a small friendly group with a model. The group will meet each Tuesday and Thursday commencing 11 September to 18 October (inclusive) at Grove Galleries and Studio, High Street, Deddington. For details of times and charges, telephone me on 0869 38397 (Grove Gallery) or 0869 38215 (Tuckers Stores).

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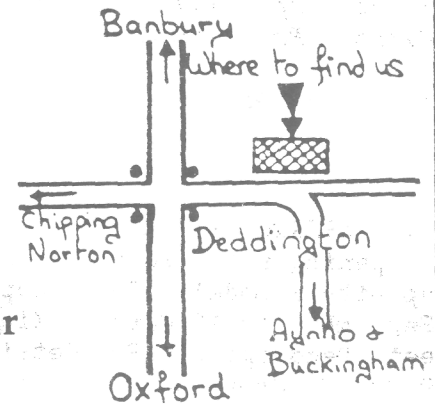

FROM KEN HART, HOPCRAFT LANE, DEDDINGTON - RE SOLAR DESIGNS

No doubt many of your readers will have seen the Solar Designs Newssheet, July 1990, distributed within the village. The aim is to gain support for the expansion of Solar Designs' premises in Hopcraft Lane, so naturally villagers are subjected to very biased remarks in favour of the expansion. This approach by Solar Designs cannot be allowed to pass without some valid counter comment over the intended expansion.

Solar Designs is situated in a concentrated residential area of the village. Original planning permission to convert the Old School House led local residents to believe that the small workshop facilities and associated workforce would fit into the life of the village without giving any cause for complaint, environmentally or otherwise. Unfortunately this has not been the case - the workforce has grown and with it vehicle overcrowding, noise and general activity that one would associate more with a small factory.

On learning that further expansion was officially sought, I was one of several local residents who objected on the grounds that the additional activity and environmental annoyance would be intolerable, to say nothing of the vehicular congestion, and that business premises of factory proportions should not be accommodated in the heart of the village. Happily, the Planning Application was refused but it is understood an appeal has been lodged so the matter has not yet been finalised.

I too believe in a 'living village' but that does not mean developing parts of the village into industrial centres with all the disadvantages of factory style activity. Bringing work to the village is always a good thing but such workforces must be kept to the right proportions. Business Parks are now being opened locally, specially for businesses such as Solar Designs, which is undoubtedly a successful enterprise looking for expansion. Judging by the number of cars arriving at Solar Designs, location outside the village would not present a transportation problem.

Current Deddington businesses and activities present a well balanced village life - let us keep it this way.

FROM REV KEN REEVES, THE VICARAGE, EARLS LANE, DEDDINGTON

Soon after I arrived as Vicar, I was honoured to be elected Chairman of the Governors of Deddington C of E Primary School. As we start a new School Year I should like to address a few words about the school to readers of *The Deddington News*. I trust they will be of general interest as well as to parents.

Not only is it the beginning of a new School Year but it is also the beginning of a new and exciting chapter in the School's history. There is a new Headteacher. Last Easter we said farewell to John Morgan. In the Summer term Lynne Stephens, who came as Deputy Head a year ago, served as Acting Head. Now we welcome John Moffitt as he takes up his appointment as Head. We have also seen other changes in staff and governors this year.

There is the new Education Reform Act. I believe we now have a first class, dedicated team to lead the school and meet the challenges posed by the new Act. Parts of the new National Curriculum have already been introduced and other parts will follow. We are taking seriously what the Act says about Religious Education and Assemblies. Whilst we wish to teach children about other faiths, we recognise that, as a Church of England School, we have a duty to teach the Christian message.

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FROM THE EDITORS' POSTBAG

FROM E J CRESSWELL, HOPCRAFT LANE, DEDDINGTON - RE SOLAR DESIGNS

I am reluctant to enter into a public debate on this subject, but the recent Solar Designs' circular, sent to most village households, demands a reply. The circular omits much of the evidence considered by Cherwell District Council in refusing the recent Application to extend the premises in Hopcraft Lane.

When, in 1984, Solar Designs first applied for Planning Permission to convert The Old School House into a jewellery workshop, they gave clear assurances of their intention to preserve the residential nature of the locality and these were complemented by Conditions laid down by the Authority in granting Consent. These included:

> "The very nature of Solar Designs' activities eliminates... any appreciable increase in traffic flow..." "Car parking will be kept to the tightest possible confines so as not to be obtrusive..." "No detriment to the amenities (to) be caused by reason of noise, vibration, fumes, smoke..." etc.

The situation today is in marked contrast to what was promised. From the road and from neighbouring houses one can see (and hear) over 40 cars crammed into the car park, with others spilling over into Hopcraft Lane and beyond; goods vehicles often cannot even enter the site, let alone manoeuvre. There are over 100 vehicle movements per day from 7 am to 7 pm or later. Over 100 people are employed. Hours of work exceed those laid down and extend into weekends. Residents and passers-by suffer visual intrusion, noise, hazards and other environmental problems inescapable from what has become a substantial factory operation rather than the rural workshop it was intended to be.

The Solar Designs' circular suggests that people might be surprised that their more recent Application to extend the premises was refused. Perhaps people would have been less surprised if the circular had included the reasons given by the Planning Authority in their recommendation, viz:

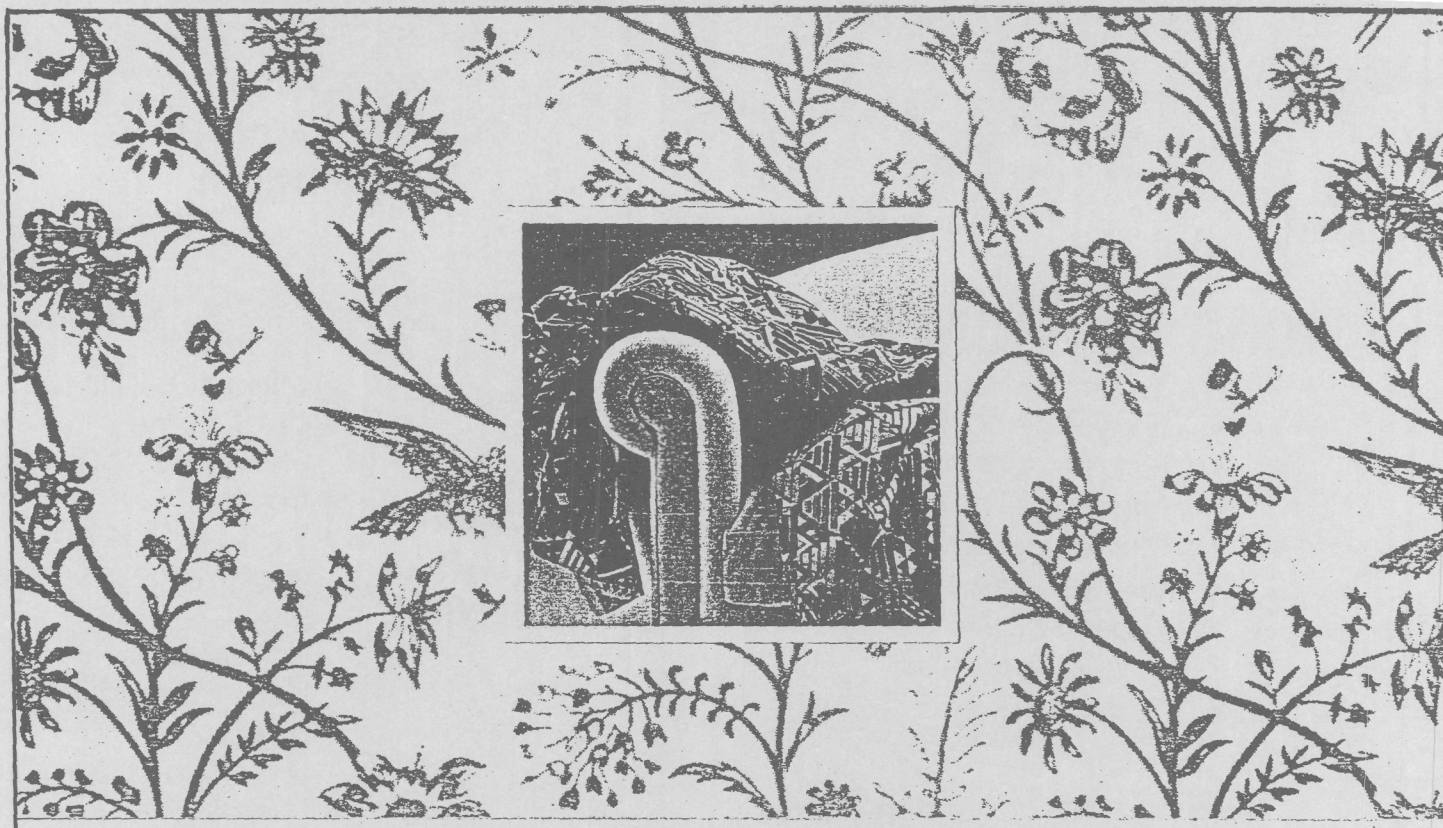
1. "The proposed extension will create an intensification of the commercial activities... resulting in increased noise, fumes, and traffic generation which would adversely affect the living conditions of the occupiers of nearby properties."
2. "By virtue of its height, size, location... it would overshadow adjacent properties and adversely affect the residential amenities..."
3. "The building and alterations to the car park... would represent an intrusive... development... and fail to preserve the appearance and character of the Conservation Area."
4. "The access will result in detriment to the safety of other road users." etc.

Solar Designs' response to the Refusal has been to install a large Portakabin on the already congested site without obtaining proper Planning Permission; not, perhaps, the best way to win friends and influence people!

It is, of course, good that they are major employers in the area but two thirds of the staff live outside the village and it is difficult to understand why jobs need be lost if the factory were to be re-sited at one of the specialist Business Parks within a few miles' radius.

All of us can admire Solar Designs' enterprise and the rapid expansion of their business. But that does not permit them to move the goalposts and release them from obligations freely entered into. Their neighbours, of whom I am one, have been extremely forbearing over several years and now seek a restoration of the amenity rather than further deterioration.

... more letters on pages 8 & 9



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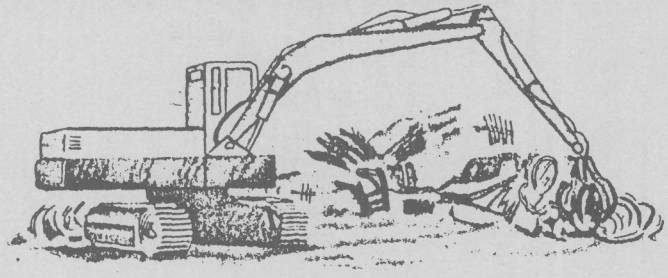

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POSTBAG . . . continued

Staff and governors are already preparing for the full effects of the Local Management of Schools, which includes financial management. Longer and shorter term plans are being worked out to ensure that changes will be implemented in such a way as to support our overall aim of offering our young people a still better Primary education in a structured, happy and friendly environment.

We welcome close cooperation with parents both individually and collectively through the excellent Home School Association. We are always pleased to hear and consider parents' views. We seek close links with the local community in every practical way and enjoy contacts with local employers and visits from people with an interest in education.

Having had time to observe the school, I believe we can be proud of it. I'm sure the time the children spend in our school will prove richly rewarding and fulfilling. If you are a parent thinking about a school for your son or daughter, I strongly recommend you to consider Deddington Primary School. Certainly I would advise you to make an appointment to visit the school.

FROM ALASTAIR WELFORD, LEADENPORCH FARM, DEDDINGTON

Farmers everywhere, like ourselves, have to carry out the traditional operation of 'muck-spreading' if we are to grow good crops of the foods we eat.

Doing this can be a tricky business, but in past years, by carefully choosing the times and wind conditions, we have, we believe, avoided offence to the public. For a couple of days in late July, however, conditions changed against us and we wish to offer our apologies to the residents of Deddington, particularly the south, for any inconvenience. As usual, we took great care to choose what seemed to be optimum conditions, but the prevailing wind changed suddenly in the direction of Deddington. We ploughed in as quickly as possible to minimise the offending smell, but we repeat our regrets to residents who may have suffered.

OXFORD HALF MARATHON - 30 SEPTEMBER

How many of you out there suffer, or know someone who suffers, the effects of asthma? Well, as it's Oxford half-marathon time again, Dee Hailey and I (Christine Blythe) are looking for sponsors for another really worthwhile cause - The Oxford Hospital Chest Unit.

Since my father was diagnosed in the last few years as a chronic asthma sufferer, he has been treated by the unit as an emergency admission on a number of occasions, giving the opportunity to see at first hand the tremendous effort and dedication applied by the staff. Dee (who also has asthma sufferers in the family) and I will be able to do our bit in helping to maintain the efficiency of the unit and continuing their life-saving efforts.

Current requirements include a computer to assist with clinical work and research data at present contained on a manual basis. The cost of this equipment is approximately £2000. We may not raise the whole sum, but it would be very rewarding to hand over a cheque for a large part of the cost to Dr Benson, Consultant Physician at the Churchill Hospital.

Anyone interested in supporting us in our pledge, please contact Dee or myself for sponsor forms. Please support us! Your hospitals need you! (And it makes the training so much easier to bear.)

CHRISTINE BLYTHE 38126 DEE HAILEY 38942

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LOOKING FORWARD

Harvest Festivals: *Hempton Church Evensong Sunday 23 September at 6 pm.* Gifts of flowers, produce etc. may be brought to the Church, preferably on Saturday 22 September before midday, or to the service. There will be a sale of produce after the service in aid of the hungry of the world.

Deddington Church, Sunday 7 October. Family Service and Communion 10.30 am. I hope this will be well supported. Children and their parents especially welcome. Members of the Congregational and Wesleyan Churches will be attending.

Harvest Evensong at 6 pm - I hope as many as possible will come, including local farmers and land workers. Gifts of flowers, fruit, vegetables, tins, etc. may be brought to the Church on Saturday morning, 6 October, before midday, or to the services. After Evensong on Sunday, there will be a sale of produce and money raised will be donated to charities helping the hungry in the world.

Harvest Supper *6 October at 7.30 pm, Windmill Centre, Hempton Road* arranged by the Anglican, Congregational and Wesleyan Reform Churches; open to all in Hempton, Clifton and Deddington. Tickets, £3 adults and £1.50 children under 14, from Walter Caporn, Mallards, New Street, Deddington (38402) or John Scott, The Cottage, Philcote Street, Deddington (38216). A sit-down meal of hot roast beef and vegetables, coffee and sweet provided by the ladies of Deddington will be followed by 45 minutes of entertainment by a variety of famous artists (known at least as far as the Parish boundaries!) Windmill Centre Bar also open. Accommodation limited. Order your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Flower Festival *29 September to 6 October* (see p.11 & 12) I am most grateful to our sponsors and to all who are working so hard to make this a spectacular and inspiring experience.

Children's Church *Sundays at 10 30 am, Town Hall.* New members especially welcome. Children attending have generally been under 7 years of age. We hope to arrange a Junior Church for children over 7, probably in another place. If you have a child over 7, who would like to join the Junior Church when it starts, please let Tricia Neasham (38931) or me know.

Confirmation This will take place *next Spring, after Easter, in Deddington Church* . I already have names of adults and children who would like to be presented. If there are more names, I should like them as soon as possible. Meetings for adults and classes for children will start this Autumn.

Healing At the end of the Holy Communion Service on the 4th Wednesday each month, there will be the opportunity to receive the laying-on-of-hands and anointing for healing. You are welcome to come to the service at 10 am.

LOOKING BACK

It was good to welcome back Canon George and Nora Palmer on 1 July. George, a former Vicar of Deddington, preached at our Patronal Evensong. We were pleased to have an End-of-Term Service for Deddington C of E Primary School in Church on 19 July. It was a joy and privilege for me to bless each of the 12 leavers and present each with a copy of the New Testament. Our organist and members of the Choir had an enjoyable week's holiday in Wales in August. On the Sunday they led the singing at morning and evening services in St David's Cathedral.

MR GLYN DAVIES has served as Organist and Choirmaster in Deddington Church for 16 years. Glyn was recently appointed Head of a Primary School in Wales and will be leaving us to take up this post after Christmas. We congratulate him and wish him well. We are so grateful for all he has done for music in our Church and we shall miss him very much. We are advertising for a new Organist and Choir Director for January 1991. Details about the appointment from me.

HEMPTON CHURCH (See also page 11) We thank the family of the late Mrs Edna Garret for their gift of money to be spent for the benefit of Hempton Church and in memory of Edna. I propose with part of the money to purchase a burse and veil for use in Holy Communion services.

KEN REEVES Vicar 38329

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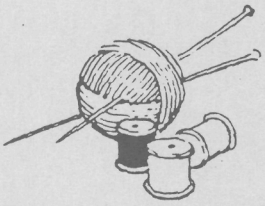

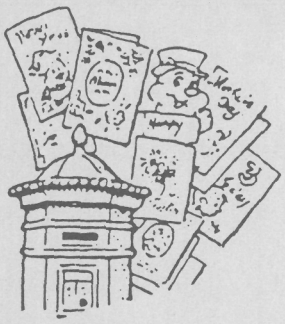

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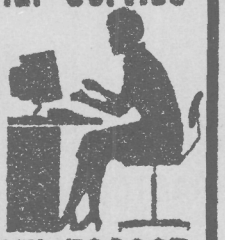

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THE PARISH CHURCH MICHAELMAS FLOWER FESTIVAL

What promises to be a splendid Flower Festival will take place at the Parish Church from *29 SEPTEMBER TO 6 OCTOBER.* Details of times etc. are given on the attractive poster designed by Jo Mace, reproduced in this issue of *The Deddington News* (page 12).

Organised by members of the group of ladies who decorate the Church with flowers throughout the year, their own displays will be augmented by flower and fruit arrangements by the Wesleyan and Congregational Churches, the village school, and our various clubs and societies. The theme will be the Church Festivals and the Life of the Village - plenty of scope for originality and imagination in the interpretation of so many activities.

Our Parish Church, whose massive tower is a landmark for miles around, is a symbol of permanence in a changing world. Whether we go to Church regularly or not we might all agree that Deddington would be a much poorer place without it.

But money is urgently needed for repairs to the fabric; the roof alone will cost thousands of pounds to make good the ravages of time. This Flower Festival is just one of the ongoing series of projects to raise the necessary funds. We hope the village will turn out in force to admire and enjoy the Festival; there will be no entrance fee as such but we are sure everyone will wish to donate generously towards a cause which is such a precious part of our heritage.

Incidentally, if you have any flowers or greenery to spare after the hot summer, please deliver them to the Church on Thursday 27 September; the arrangers will make good use of them.

FRANKIE COX, GEORGE FENEMORE (Church Wardens)

THE CHURCH TOWER will be open during the Flower Festival on Saturday 29 September, 2.30 - 4.30 pm. Admission 20p each adult or 50p per family. All children to be accompanied by an adult.

FREDA IVINGS 38513

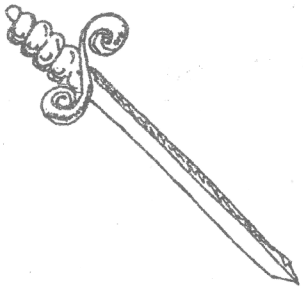
NEWS FROM HEMPTON

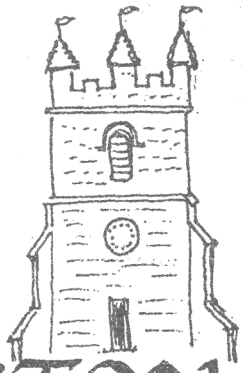
Tier upon tier of steel scaffolding braced and locked around the central tower of Salisbury Cathedral this summer shrouds and obscures the jutting shape and detail of England's tallest spire, but it also gives to it a human scale, a crude and temporary yardstick of the sheer height, and invites a mental comparison with memories of the early tower blocks rising about the city of London in the 1960s. We looked up and counted floors and marvelled at the details of platforms, cranes and hoists ... how much more marvellous, then, the achievements of the craftsmen of the Middle Ages perched on their wooden trestles hundreds of feet above the city.

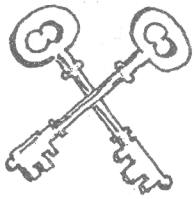
It also reminds us that all buildings, great and small, need looking after, so a much more modest scaffold was a welcome sight in Hempton recently. The long awaited roof repairs were carried out, tiles secured, the gable end firmly bedded, and some stone work made firm and re-pointed. We can now rely on keeping the weather out from above - next perhaps we need to consider the damp rising from below. Then with everything clean and dry up and down - a bit like completing 'topping and tailing' a baby - only then could we consider some repairs to the plaster and internal decoration. We have been grateful to those who continue to decorate St John's and ever since the flower festival in June, have enabled the church to be open and available to those who have called to look around or to spend a few moments of quiet.

Sat 8 September Annual Historic Churches cycle tour. Hempton together with most other churches of all denominations, will be open to welcome travellers.

JOHN WEBBER 38508







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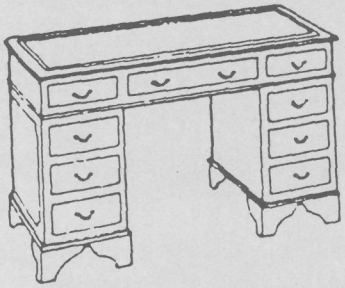

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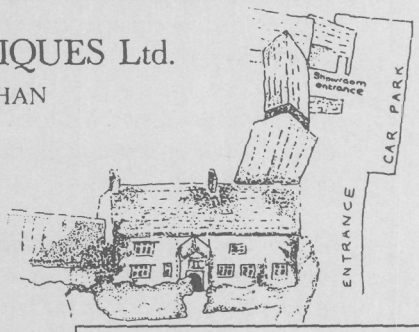

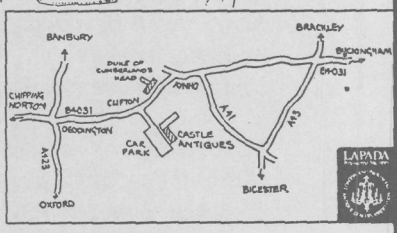

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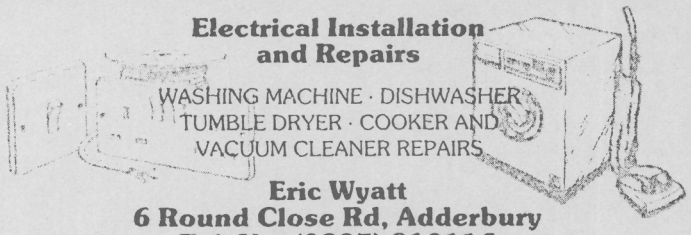

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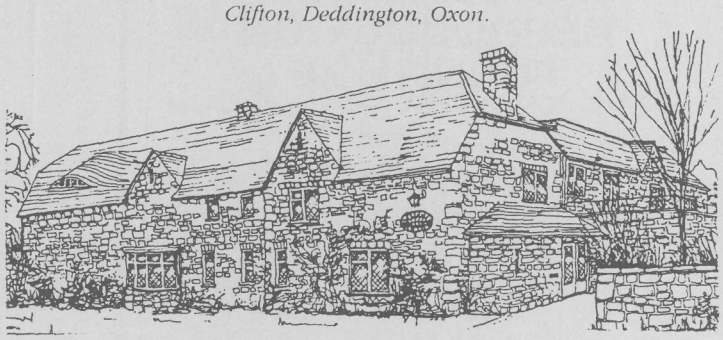

Mrs Walsh believes in running a friendly, family home that provides the best in home cooking, top quality care and a stimulating atmosphere. The home has its own occupational therapist and activities such as Art, Modelling, Drawing and Embroidery are run daily for interested residents.

St. Anne's also provides transport by its own Mini Bus to the local shops, the Holly Tree Club, and to places of local interest.

The Church and the Health Centre take a close interest in St. Anne's and the Clergy and Doctors call regularly. Chiropodist and Hairdressers are on call and attend to the residents' needs in the privacy of the home.

The emphasis at St. Anne's is on providing a family atmosphere and is best summed up by the Community Health Council for Oxfordshire's report which states "it is more like a home than a Home".

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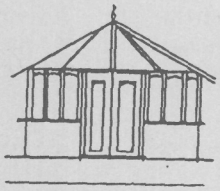

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CALLING ALL CLUBS - Part 1

RETIRED? WHY NOT JOIN U3A ...

The Inaugural Meeting of U3A IN DEDDINGTON (University of the Third Age) took place on 11 July at the School. Thirty people attended, 21 of whom decided to join the new Branch, and each paid the annual subscription of £3. Mr Derek Henry, Chairman of Banbury Branch, kindly explained to those present what U3A is all about. A steering committee was formed and met on 23 July.

The first meeting of the new Deddington Branch will be held at the Windmill Centre, Deddington, on *Wednesday 12 September at 2.30 pm.* There will be a Bring and Buy Sale. We hope to form Special Interest Groups, such as Bridge, Drama, Model Making, Miniature Painting etc. If you are retired you are very welcome to come to one or two meetings as a visitor before deciding to join.

For further information phone 0869 37113, or if you need or can offer a lift on 12 September, ring 0869 38388 or 38340.

DEDDINGTON PLAYGROUP

At our AGM the new committee members elected for the forthcoming year were:

Ann Franklin	Chairman	Tel 38884	Diane Woodman	Vice Chairman	Tel 37151
Karen Robertson	Secretary	38081	Eileen Bardon	Minutes Secretary	37164
Corrine White	Treasurer	40333	Sue Lane	Adv. and Bookings	38900

together with Karen Corradi, Jackie Forrester and Eileen Charig.

WE RE-OPEN ON MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER. *At 9 am on 13 September* a photographer will be at Playgroup for the *annual photograph session.* If there are any toddlers' mums interested, please come along. The photographs are of a high quality and reasonable in price. Everyone is welcome to an *Usbourne Book Party - from 11 am to 12.30 pm on Monday 17 September. 50/50 Toy & Children's Clothes Sale - at 2 pm on Saturday 13 October.* Please give your good quality toys and children's clothes to any Committee member, marking each item with the price required and your name and address. After the sale you will receive 50% of the sale price.

Once again our grateful thanks to Mr and Mrs Smith and their staff at the Post Office for the cash gift raised by their scooter raffle earlier this year. Now we are embarking on a project to save aluminium drinks cans to raise money for funds. We feel this is a good fundraiser as it also helps to protect our environment. If anyone would care to help us, please deliver your cans to either the driveway of 7 Mill Close or to the Playgroup building where they can be left underneath the entrance steps. We can only save aluminium cans and in order to 'test' them - they MUST NOT be magnetic. Please help your playgroup and the environment.

KAREN ROBERTSON 38081

DEDDINGTON BRANCH, ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Annual Harvest Festival will take place in the Deddington Royal British Legion Club on Saturday 29 September at 7.30 pm. The officers and committee extend an invitation to all to come along and enjoy the bargains that will be on offer, and have an enjoyable evening. Proceeds will be for local branch funds.

A T LEWIS, Service Secretary

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CALLING ALL CLUBS - Part 2

BROWNIES

Our Mid-Summer Venture was finished off with a party in my garden on 26 June when we played outdoor games and had a feast from all the 'goodies' provided by the Brownies themselves. It was also an opportunity to thank Mrs Sue Ward for over five years as an Assistant Brownie Guider with us and to present her with a small gift and a card as she has left us now. A few weeks later it was the turn of Marianne Dawson to get a parting gift and a card as she goes off to a new life at University. Marianne gained her Young Leaders Certificate while she was working with the Brownies and this was presented to her by Mrs Bryony Fenemore.

The term was rounded off by a lovely swimming evening by kind invitation of Mrs Jill Gaunt at her pool. Holly Alison, Joanna Barlow, Stephanie Davidson and Sophie Low passed their Swimmers Badge; Laura Chatterton gained hers next day. After everybody had swum and dressed again, Stephanie Davidson and Amy Stevens made their Promises as Brownies and were welcomed into the Pack. At the same time we said goodbye to Emma Hodgkins and Amy Johnson who are going to join the Guides. Emma has also completed her Highway Badge - the hardest badge in the Brownie section. Well done, Emma.

Twelve Brownies went on the outing on 25 July together with Mrs Chatterton and Tom, and my daughter Juliet. It was a boiling hot day, but we had a lovely time and the heat didn't matter at all. Our first visit was to the Oasis Centre at Swindon where the more adventurous took advantage of the water chutes while the rest enjoyed the pools, the wave machines and the rain machine. After a picnic lunch in the adventure playground we went on to the Southleaze Sheep Milking Farm where we were made incredibly welcome even though it was officially closed on a Wednesday. We had booked in beforehand. The Brownies handled baby rabbits, fed lambs, saw goats and sheep being milked, stroked kids, donkeys and horses, and then to round it off were entertained by the twelve-year-old son of one of the helpers. It was hard to get them to leave by 4.30 pm in order to be back in Deddington by 6 pm. I am so grateful to Mrs Chatterton and Juliet for coming with me at short notice and for their help, although the Brownies were beautifully behaved and a pleasure to take out.

Our meetings start again on Tuesday 18 September, as usual at the Windmill Centre, 5.15 to 6.45 pm. Could any girl wishing to join please contact me or Pam Dancer beforehand: it does help.

Unfortunately we have had to stop collecting waste paper for the time being as the market has collapsed and it is impossible to sell it on. I am still grateful for washed tinfoil, aluminium cans and postage stamps - many thanks to all those who collect for us.

VIVIEN PLEYDELL-BOUVERIE 38269

BADMINTON

We meet in the Windmill Centre on Tues/Wed/Thurs evenings from 7-10 pm. New members should contact Pauline Gattley on 346654 or come along one evening to meet people, cost £1. We are also looking for match players for the winter season so don't be shy about putting your name forward, either on club night or contact Pauline on 346654 or Clive Saunders on 38304.

ANN FAY S.Aston 47082

DEDDINGTON SINGERS

We have been in existence for many years, but sadly our numbers are dwindling. If you enjoy singing and music, why not come along and join us? You would be sure of a warm welcome. We meet on Monday evenings, starting 10 September. For further details ring Deddington 38297 or Steeple Aston 40594.

IRENE REYNOLDS

DONATIONS We are very grateful for recent donations to *The Deddington News* totalling £25.19 - EDS.

CALLING ALL CLUBS - Part 3

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The July meeting of Deddington WI was held on the 10th. During the business meeting members were reminded of the WI tea parties which will be held on 11 September by Institutes all over the country. It is to be a nationwide fundraising effort in aid of four children's charities. In the case of Deddington it has been decided to make the occasion a Ploughman's Lunch in the middle of the day, and we hope that as many local people as can will come to it. We then had the pleasure of welcoming Mrs Beasley to teach us some more country dancing. Mrs Beasley has been to Deddington twice before and members very much enjoyed the dancing. Most ladies joined in. It was a very good evening and the refreshments prepared by Theresa Smith and Stella Marmion were much appreciated.

August meeting - the weather remained fine, so members were able to come to my garden on the evening of 14 August. Husbands had been invited, and some did come, as did some grandchildren. We had good refreshments brought in by members, and wine, and played a knock-out game of croquet. It was not exactly according to Hurlingham rules, but it was certainly good fun, and Mrs Ivings, our President, won. We think she might have been helped a bit by her two grandsons, but no one disputed the result!! The evening was rounded off with a raffle, and a good time was had by all.

September meeting - don't forget Ploughman's lunch, Holly Tree Club, Tuesday 11 Sept, 12.15pm - 2 pm. Cost £1.50.

MARIANNE ELSLEY 38251

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Another season is about to commence. Weekly training sessions have been under way for some time and league fixtures commence on Sat 8 Sept. We still play at the Castle Grounds, the traditional 'home' of football in Deddington, and welcome new players (anyone interested please phone Cliff Smith 38647). Team Managers this season are John Stiff (First) and David 'Taxi' Cowley (Res).

SEPT	First Team	Reserves		First Team	Reserves
8	Chipp. Warden (A)	Fenny Compton (H)	22	Ruscote Res (A)	Cropredy Res (H)
15	Wardington (H)	Milcombe Res (A)	29	Broughton & N Newington (A)	Bishops Ich. (H)

K.O. 2.30 pm

CLIFF SMITH Hon Sec 38647

EDITORS' NOTE Cliff points out that the DTFC did not "ask the Parish Council to finance improvement of Castle Grounds facilities to Premier League standard." (*Deddington News*, July). In fact, the Club sought -

"(a) agreement in principle to the suggestion that the existing pavilion should be replaced by new building...:"

"(b) <u>an indication as to whether financial assistance is likely to be available from the Council in the form of either grant or loan or both.</u>"

We are happy to put the record straight.

BANBURY GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

Deddington now has an additional *Banbury Guardian* correspondent in Paul Green, 29 The Daedings. Paul will be helping Molly Neild, Larkfield, Hempton Road, to keep the "Round Town and Country" part of the *Guardian* up to date with news from the clubs, societies and individuals of Deddington, Clifton and Hempton. Ring Molly Neild 0869 38521 or Paul Green 0869 38013.

AGE CONCERN urgently requires drivers for its Minibus based in Deddington. Duties arise once or twice a month and usually involve a morning trip taking elderly people to local towns for shopping. A satisfying job for retired persons, who should contact Basil Lawrence on 40544.

CALLING ALL CLUBS - Part 4

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

SUMMER FETE Well the sun shone for us again this year and what with car rescue by Deddington Fire Brigade, Brass Band, Microlite and racing car displays, plus cream teas, just to mention a few, all who came, I hope, had an enjoyable day. Once again, many thanks to all those who helped by advertising in our programme, sponsors, village shops who donated gifts and of course to parents and children for their time and support. We raised £2.000 on the day, £600 of which will go to Leukaemia Research Fund for children. [A SUPERB RESULT - EDS]

SWIMMING POOL Another very successful season with wider use being made of the pool by Playgroup etc. Well done to Jonathon Titcombe and Gemma Shirley for their efforts in learning to swim. Thank yous to Karen Corradi, John Spencer and Sandra and John Keys for all their help, plus all the mums who helped supervise. The pool should open again 1 May next year. See you there.

DIARY DATES *Fri 21 September. 8 pm-1 am RACENIGHT.* We hope to run this very popular evening's entertainment on the above date. Further details to be publicised. Organiser - Les Lane 38900. *Wed 26 September - HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AGM, 8 pm at the School.* As some of our members will be leaving the committee, please come along and support us. VAL TARGETT Secretary 38038

HOLLY TREE CLUB (for senior citizens)

It is with much pleasure that I write to inform anyone interested that the Rev Ken Reeves has accepted our invitation to become President of Holly Tree Club. We have been without a President since Mrs Pat Hannah left the village last year, someone who is missed very much. Apart from any meeting which may be necessary, Father Ken (that is my name for him) will begin his onerous(?) duty commencing with the Harvest Festival celebration at the Club on Wednesday 3 October. Anyone is welcome to attend. A good variety of produce is always available (of course this year with such dry and hot weather it could be a problem regarding vegetables or flowers but it will not deter us).

Father Ken is always welcome to pop in on Wednesdays (Club day), his time permitting, also any of our community who wishes. The door is always open at 2 pm - a session of cards or dominoes and bingo, tea and biscuits available at very low cost. All are welcome. There is no need for ceremony, dressing up, or being afraid to admit that one is over 60. If you feel you would like to give it a try, please do. It is a pity that the generous gift of our premises by the late Cora Collin is not taken more advantage of. We all do our best to maintain the upkeep of the gardens and clubroom. This is helped very much by the few organisations eg Women's Institute, Deddington Ladies, yoga classes etc and the generous few who donate to us, like the old faithful Deddington Football Club. Thank you for devoting time to read this. PEGGY BUSBY Hon Treasurer/Secretary

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OCTOBER DIARY

Wed 3 Holly Tree Club Harvest Festival
Sat 6 Parish Harvest Supper, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm (see page 10)
Sat 6 Skip in Earls Lane
Sat 6 British Legion, Gary Stevens
Sun 7 Harvest Festival, Deddington Parish Church: Family Service and Communion 10.30 am. Harvest Evensong 6 pm (see page 10)
Sat 13 Deddington Playgroup 50/50 Toy & Children's Clothes Sale, 2 pm (page 13)
Th 18 Cello and Piano Recital, Deddington Parish Church (details in Oct issue)
Fri 19 Public Meeting on Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm
Sat 20 Skip in Cosy Lane (off Windmill Street)
Sat 20 British Legion, Colin Jackson
Tue 23 COPY DATE FOR NOVEMBER DEDDINGTON NEWS
Wed 24 Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.15 pm

NOVEMBER DIARY

Sat 3 British Legion, J D Bullit
Sat 24 Parish Church Christmas Bazaar in Primary School

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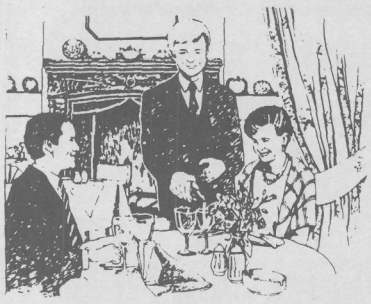

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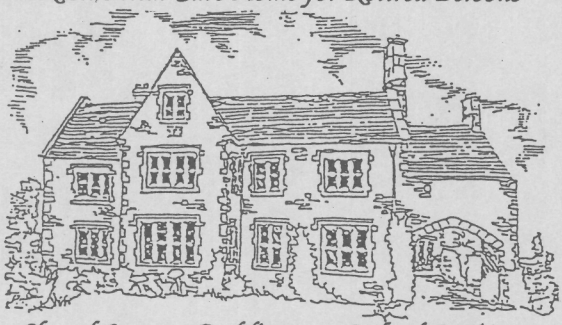

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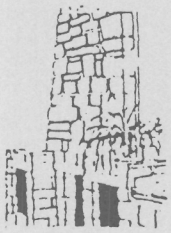

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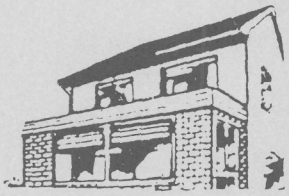

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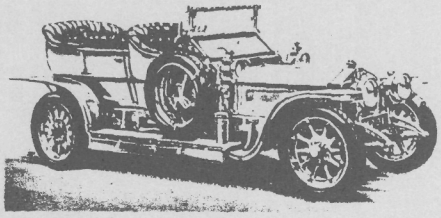

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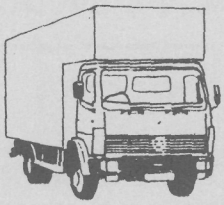

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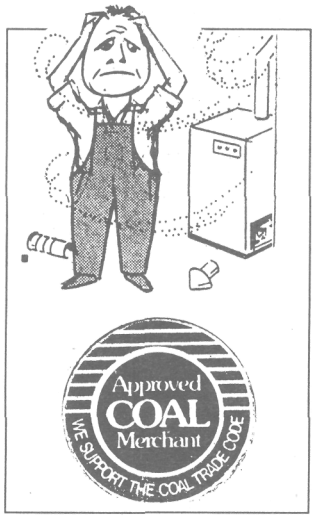

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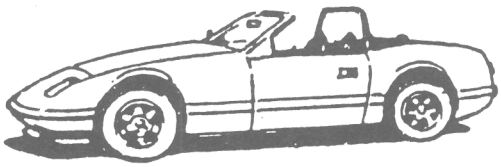

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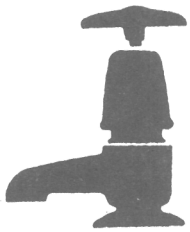

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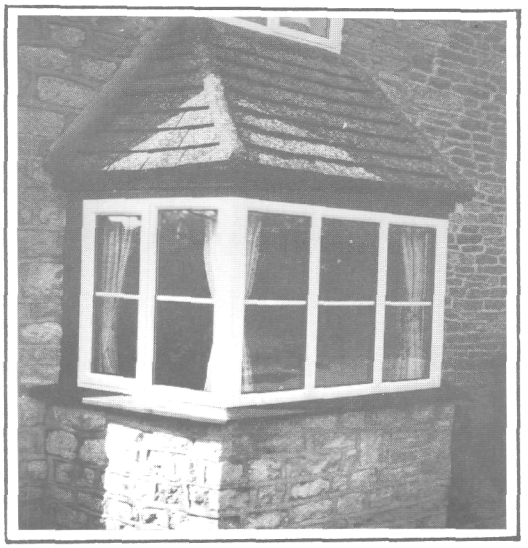

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